

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

5           Claims 1-118 (Canceled)

Claim 119 (Currently amended): A method to treat or ameliorate an innate immune suppression condition by increasing the numbers of neutrophils in circulation in a human, wherein the innate immune suppression condition is

10          associated with radiation, ~~aging, autologous bone marrow transplantation or stem cell transplantation~~ comprising administering to the human ~~an effective amount about 200 mg, 250 mg or 300 mg per day~~ of  $3\beta,17\beta$ -dihydroxyandrost-5-ene ~~once daily for 5 consecutive days~~ by intramuscular, ~~intradermal or subcutaneous~~ administration ~~whereby the number or activity of neutrophils in circulation in the~~

15          human is increased.

Claim 120 (Canceled)

Claim 121 (Currently amended): The method ~~of claim 120 of claim 119~~

20          wherein ~~about 50 mg, 75 mg, 100 mg, 150 mg, 200 mg, 250 mg or 300 mg~~ 200 mg or 300 mg per day of  $3\beta,17\beta$ -dihydroxyandrost-5-ene is administered.

Claim 122 (Canceled)

25          Claim 123 (Currently amended): The method ~~of claim 122 of claim 121~~ wherein about 200 mg per day of  $3\beta,17\beta$ -dihydroxyandrost-5-ene is administered.

Claims 124-131 (Canceled)

Claim 132 (Currently amended): The method of claim 131 wherein ~~50 mg, 75 mg, 100 mg, 150 mg, 200 mg, 250 mg or 300 mg~~ about 300 mg per day of  $3\beta,17\beta$ -dihydroxyandrost-5-ene is administered.

5           Claims 133-146 (Canceled)